

In order for a Dental Therapist to pursue ADT certification, you will be required to complete the following requirements:

1. Be licensed as a Dental Therapist
2. Submit proof of 2000 hours of practice of dental therapy
3. Graduate from a master's advanced dental therapy education program
4. Pass a Board-approved exam demonstrating competency under the advanced scope of practice
5. Submit an application for certification as prescribed by the Board \*\*\*[hyperlink to ADT application](#)\*\*\*

The *Advanced Dental Therapy Certification Examination* consists of the following:

- Part I = Submit a Portfolio of 3-5 patient records for review
- Part II = Only required for DT's who did not previously pass the CDCA's DT-OSCE examination for initial licensure.
- Part III = Complete an oral examination and interview with our Licensing and Credentials Committee

### **Part I: Patient Records Review**

ADT candidates need to submit a Portfolio of three to five entire patient records. These records will be reviewed for comprehensiveness and compliance with current record-keeping regulations as well as evaluated for evidence/demonstration of critical thinking and decision making during the provision of basic dental services. The resulting assessment of the records will provide the basis for discussion during Part III Committee interview/Oral Exam. The candidate will be asked to present the Portfolio including the treatment provided with evidence of final treatment outcomes.

The names/identifiers of these patients need to be redacted for confidentiality purposes. The patient records selected **must** contain representative examples of the following treatment or services provided by you during your clinical practice as a Dental Therapist. (These need to be services provided outside of your academic or educational experience).

Treatment to be assessed:

1. Posterior Amalgam – Class II-Permanent tooth OR Posterior Composite-Class II -Permanent tooth.
2. Anterior Composite – Class III-Permanent tooth
3. Pulpotomy Access and Completion – Deciduous Molar
4. Stainless Steel Crown Completion – Deciduous or Permanent Molar
5. Extraction of a Deciduous Tooth

The complete written and radiographic records to be submitted shall include, but not be limited to: patient registration, medical and dental histories, current dental clinical conditions

charting, diagnosis provided by the supervising dentist, treatment plans, and progress notes, and billing records. The radiographs should show evidence of current clinical condition. All radiographs shall be duplicated and be of diagnostic quality. Digital radiographs and records must be submitted electronically either by e-mail, or on a flash drive. You must submit your (3) to (5) patient records at least 30 days prior to the anticipated exam date and interview.

The Portfolio Exam will consider the provision of the listed services for quality of treatment, standard of care, difficulty of case, and critical thinking and decision making by the Dental Therapist. This will require evidence of current clinical conditions (ie; post treatment evidence of treatment provided) in order to adequately assess the performance of the Dental Therapist experience during the 2,000 hours of clinical practice.

***Candidate worksheets:***

***Please identify which of the required procedures were performed and documented in each of the submitted patient records. Indicate the date of the procedure.***

\*\*\*\*\*insert link to the five separate checklists\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* insert link to instructions for records submission \*\*\*\*\*

**Part II: Patient Assessment – Treatment Plan Examination**

This portion of the ADT examination is referred to as the DT-OSCE and is currently being offered by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments. You can visit their website at [www.cdcaexams.org](http://www.cdcaexams.org) for more information. We also have a blue-print that is posted on our website to assist you in preparing for this examination.

**Part III: Interview with Committee and Oral Exam**

When scheduling your patient assessment treatment plan exam (part II of the examination) with Board staff, you may also schedule an interview date and time. The interview (part III of the examination) will be conducted with the Licensing and Credentials Committee. The purpose of the interview will be to give the Committee the opportunity to pose further questions in the areas of competency not previously covered in Parts I and II and for you to present orally the Portfolio to the Committee. At this meeting the Committee will provide the results of your performance on both Parts I and Parts II.

You will be expected to obtain a passing grade in *all* areas of the exam. If granted ADT certification, the Board will issue notification in writing. If the Committee deems that you have not met the minimal requirements to earn your ADT certification, the Committee will also notify you in writing of your options. These might include completing some additional requirements in order to earn certification, or if you have been denied advanced certification, how you may appeal the Committee's decision to the full Board.